

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2017-00143

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Idylwood-Tysons 230 kV single circuit underground transmission line, Tysons Substation rebuild and related transmission facilities

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HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

February 16, 2018

On November 8, 2017, Virginia Electric and Power Company (“Dominion Energy” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application for approval and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“Certificate”) for the proposed underground Idylwood-Tysons 230 kilovolt (“kV”) single circuit transmission line, pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) and the Utility Facilities Act¹ (“Application”). Specifically, the Company proposes to (i) construct a new single circuit 230 kV underground transmission line, designated 230 kV Idylwood-Tysons Line #2175, to run approximately 4.3 miles from the Company’s existing Idylwood Substation to the Company’s existing Tysons Substation, with the project located entirely in Fairfax County; (ii) rebuild the Tysons Substation using Gas Insulated Substation (“GIS”) equipment to accommodate a six-breaker 230 kV ring bus within the existing property boundaries; (iii) install new Gas Insulated Line terminal equipment at Idylwood Substation for the new Line #2175 installation; and (iv) perform relay work at the Reston Substation (collectively, “Project”).

On December 8, 2017, the Commission entered its Order for Notice and Hearing in which, among other things, the Commission scheduled a public hearing to be held at Shreveewood Elementary School in Falls Church, Virginia, on February 26, 2018; scheduled a public hearing in Richmond, Virginia, to begin on May 8, 2018; and appointed a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter and to file a final report.

On December 27, 2017, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (“Fairfax County”) filed its Notice of Participation. On January 16, 2018, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (“ODEC”) filed its Notice of Participation.

On February 15, 2018, Fairfax County filed its Motion for Extension. Generally, Fairfax County asked for a one-month extension for the remainder of the procedural schedule. Fairfax County stated that under the current procedural schedule, its testimony is scheduled to be filed “just over two weeks after the local public hearing . . . [which] does not allow Fairfax County adequate time to investigate and prepare its testimony in response to the Application.”² Fairfax County proposed the following changes to the procedural schedule:

¹ Section 56-265.1 *et seq.* of the Code.

² Motion for Extension at 2-3.

- Extend the deadline for Respondents to file testimony and exhibits from March 13, 2018, to April 13, 2018;
- Extend the deadline for Staff to file its testimony and exhibits from March 27, 2018, to April 27, 2018;
- Extend the deadline for the Company to file its rebuttal testimony from April 12, 2018, to May 11, 2018;
- Extend the deadline for any interested person to file written comments from May 1, 2018, to June 1, 2018;
- Retain the May 8, 2018, hearing date to receive additional public witness testimony; and
- Continue the evidentiary hearing from May 8, 2018, to June 12, 2018.

Finally, counsel for Fairfax County represented that Dominion Energy, Staff, and ODEC do not oppose the requested extension.

Based on the pleading and the lack of opposition, I find that the procedural schedule should be revised as requested to provide Respondents additional time. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED:

(1) That the hearing currently scheduled for May 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., will be retained for the purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses;

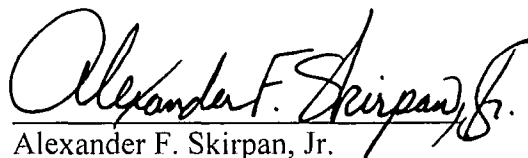
(2) That the hearing for the presentation of evidence by the parties and Staff is hereby scheduled to begin on June 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.;

(3) That the date by which Respondents shall file their prefiled direct testimony and exhibits is extended from March 13, 2018, to April 13, 2018;

(4) That the date by which Staff shall file its prefiled direct testimony and exhibits is extended from March 27, 2018, to April 27, 2018;

(5) That the date by which the Company shall file its rebuttal testimony is extended from April 12, 2018, to May 11, 2018; and

(6) That the date by which interested persons may file written comments with the Clerk of the Commission is extended from May 1, 2018, to June 1, 2018.


 Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
 Senior Hearing Examiner

Document Control Center is requested to mail or deliver a copy of the above Ruling to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, 1300 East Main Street, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, VA 23219.

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